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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

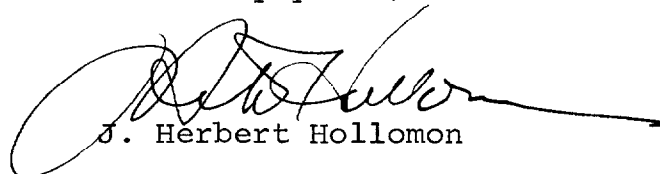
In view of the comments in your recent letter concerning the area of technical accomplishments related to the development of an artificial heart, I have informally discussed this matter with representatives of the National Heart Institute.

I was pleased to learn, as I am certain you will be, that NHI is, in fact, supporting a great deal of research in this field and that they have several very active development programs under way. I have also been advised that the National Advisory Committee to NHI has, during this past year, taken a very active interest in the development of an artificial heart and are closely following the accomplishments in this area of health science and technology.

I have read with interest your letter to Dr. Knutti, and I am certain that by the time you receive my letter you will have heard directly from him. I am sure that he has reaffirmed the interest of NHI and further, it is my understanding that he has suggested the possibility of your meeting with him and/or members of the National Advisory Committee.

With this expression of interest on the part of NHI, I can only assume that your intense concern to fully exploit the technical possibilities of developing an artificial heart will be given every consideration.

Sincerely yours,


J. Herbert Hollomon

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